

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Western Montana Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Western Montana Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

2058

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/05/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

03/05/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

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8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309

13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0 Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$17,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$1,000.00

18d. Total	\$0.00	\$23,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.30

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Western Montana Resource Advisory Council provides advice to the BLM on management activities by reviewing those activities either through presentations or field tours and then discussing the BLM's actions and planned activities with BLM field managers.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Western Montana Resource Advisory council is composed of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups and within those groups. Specific interests include: Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development. Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or represent the public-at-large.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Meetings are generally held quarterly. They always include discussions of management activities the BLM is currently analyzing or proposing, which is the purpose of the Committee.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This committee is necessary to assist the BLM in making sure public concerns and values are considered when management activities are proposed for the public land. The committee members represent diverse and complex interests that otherwise would not come together to consider a broad range of multiple uses for the public lands in RAC's area of jurisdiction. The RAC provides consensus advice to the BLM on those uses.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public. Notices of the meetings are published in the Federal Register, posted on the BLM Montana website, and distributed to local newspapers.

21. Remarks

The RAC did not meet in Fiscal Year 2018 due to a lack of a quorum, as required by BLM RAC regulations.

Designated Federal Officer

Richard Hotaling BLM Western MT District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Belangie-Nye, Jean	01/08/2016	01/08/2019	Business Owner	Representative Member
Brown, Nichole	03/12/2015	03/12/2018	County Land Use Planner	Representative Member
Gorski, Margaret	01/08/2016	01/08/2019	Retired Forest Service Employee	Representative Member
Hart, James	03/12/2015	03/12/2018	County Commissioner	Representative Member
Hoffman, Larry	01/08/2016	01/08/2019	Mining Consultant	Representative Member
Holland, Koy	09/30/2011	03/12/2018	Rancher	Representative Member
Krueger, David	01/08/2016	01/08/2019	Procurement Forester	Representative Member
Putz, Paul	09/30/2011	03/12/2018	Retired State Historian	Representative Member
Tilt, Whitney	09/30/2011	03/12/2018	Conservation Consultant	Representative Member
Tussing, Ronald	03/12/2015	03/12/2018	Retired Police Chief	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 10

Narrative Description

The Western Montana Resource Advisory Council serves as a sounding board for the three BLM field managers in western Montana. They have formed subgroups to tackle issues such as travel management, the Greater sage-grouse management plan, and recreation fee increases. They provide input and advice on a variety of issues.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Western Montana RAC. However, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

12

Number of Recommendations Comments

No formal recommendations were made in FY 18.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

50%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Most, if not all, of the RAC's recreation fee proposals have been implemented

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

N/A

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The BLM provides feedback verbally at meetings through dialogue or question/answer sessions.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Information for the Western Montana RAC is provided on the BLM-Montana webpage.